

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheet includes new Figure 8.

Attachment: New Drawing Sheet (1)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 11-22, 26, 28-30, 32, 33, 35, and 36 are pending, with Claims 1, 14-15, 22, 28, and 35 amended and Claims 7-9, 23, 24, 34, and 37 cancelled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 29, 30 and 32 were withdrawn from further consideration; the specification was objected to; Claims 8, 9, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; the allowability of Claims 10 and 25 was withdrawn; Claims 1-5, 7-28, 36 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anthony et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,559,769, hereinafter Anthony) in view of Beaken (U.S. Patent No. 6,552,652); Vaddiparty et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0147220, hereinafter Vaddiparty); Guthrie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,844,482, hereinafter Guthrie); and Hamel et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0078662, hereinafter Hamel); and Claims 33-35 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Independent Claim 1 is amended to recite the allowable features of Claim 34, as well as intervening Claim 7. Independent Claim 22 is similarly amended. Thus, Applicants submit independent Claims 1 and 22, and all claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 14 and 15 are amended to correct antecedent basis. No new matter is added. Thus, the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

Claims 8 and 9, as well as Claims 23 and 24, are cancelled. Thus, the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is moot.

The specification is amended and new Figure 8 is added as requested in the Official Action. Support for this amendment and new Figure is found in Applicants' originally filed Claim 10 and Figure 2 of U.S. Patent 4,977,577, incorporated by reference on page 11, lines 3-6 of the present application. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

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